



Bobby Goode  
State Director  
USDA-Rural Development

Bobby Goode was appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate to serve as USDA Rural Development State Director for Tennessee.

Goode's first job out of college was working as Assistant County Supervisor for the USDA-Farmers Home Administration in Memphis and in Mountain City. He later served with the same agency as County Supervisor and Area Supervisor in an area that included most counties in northwest Tennessee. In 1995 he became a Farm Loan Manager for USDA's Farm Service Agency until 2006 when he was appointed Union City Area Director for USDA Rural Development.

A native of Crockett County, Goode grew up working on his family's farm. He graduated from Alamo High School and earned a B.S. in Agriculture at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1979. Bobby and his wife of 26 years Melinda Poteet have two sons, Garner and Crockett. The Goode's have called Dresden home for 26 years.

Goode, and his entire family, are graduates of Leadership Weakley County. He is a 2007 graduate of WestStar Regional Leadership Program and a 2009 Graduate of the Delta Regional Authority Leadership Institute.

Goode is an active community leader serving on numerous boards and committees including the Dresden Parks & Recreation Board and was instrumental in organizing and developing the Dresden K-8 Outdoor Classroom. He attends Lebanon Church of Christ, serves as a Rotarian, on the Dresden Foundation and as Tennessee Iris Festival Event Co-Chair. Goode was honored during the Tennessee Iris Festival in Dresden as Citizen of the Year for 2009.

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A high resolution version of Goode's photo may be downloaded at  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tn/GoodeColor.pdf>